

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A silver alloy ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of 97.00 to 99.79 wt% of Ag as its major component, 0.10 to 2.89 wt% of Pd, 0.10 to 2.89 wt% of Cu and ~~0.01 to 0.5~~ 0.5 to 1.50 wt% of Ge, ~~wherein the total amount of Pd, Cu and Ge is 0.21 to 3.00 wt%.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The silver alloy according to Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy consists of Ag, Pd, Cu and Ge ~~and wherein the content of the Ag in the alloy is 97.00 to 99.79 wt%.~~

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 1, wherein the ratio of the content of Cu to the content of Ge, Cu content/Ge content, is 1/20 to 20/1.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy, after being heat-treated at 250°C, for one hour, in air, has a reflectance of 90% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 3, wherein the silver alloy, after being heat-treated at 250°C, for one hour, in air, has a reflectance of 90% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 6 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy, after exposure to a 100 ppm hydrogen sulfide atmosphere, at ambient temperature, for 48 hours, has a reflectance of 75% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 3, wherein the silver alloy, after exposure to a 100 ppm hydrogen sulfide atmosphere, at ambient temperature, for 48 hours, has a reflectance of 75% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 8 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy, after exposure to a high temperature and high humidity atmosphere of 85°C and 90 RH%, for 200 hours, has a reflectance of 88% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy according to Claim 3, wherein the silver alloy, after exposure to a high temperature and high humidity atmosphere of 85°C and 90 RH%, for 200 hours, has a reflectance of 88% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy of Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy is in the form of a sputtering target.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy of Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy is in the form of a thin film.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The ~~thin film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 11, wherein the thin film, after heat-treatment at 250°C, for one hour, in air, has a reflectance of 90% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The ~~thin film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 11, wherein the thin film, after exposure to a 100 ppm hydrogen sulfide atmosphere, at ambient temperature, for 48 hours, has a reflectance of 75% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The ~~thin film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 11, wherein the thin film, after exposure to a high temperature and high humidity atmosphere of 85°C and 90 RH% for 200 hours, has a reflectance of 88% or more for light having a wavelength of 550 nm.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): The ~~thin film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 11, wherein the thin film is a reflecting film.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): The ~~thin film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 11, wherein the thin film is a semi-transmissive film.

Claim 17 (Currently Amended): The ~~thin film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 11, wherein the thin film is a patterned electrode or wiring.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film~~ silver alloy of Claim 15, wherein the reflecting film ~~in-in-the form~~ is part of a self-emitting ~~type~~ display.

Claim 19 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film~~ silver alloy of Claim 15, wherein the reflecting film is ~~in-the form~~ part of a flat panel display.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film~~ silver alloy of Claim 15, wherein the reflecting film is in the form of an electrode.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film~~ silver alloy of Claim ~~14~~ 15, wherein the reflecting film is ~~in-the form~~ part of an electronic part.

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film~~ silver alloy of Claim 15, wherein the reflecting film is ~~in-the form~~ part of an optical disk.

Claim 23 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film~~ silver alloy of Claim 15, wherein the reflecting film is ~~in-the form~~ part of a light ~~part~~.

Claim 24 (Currently Amended): The ~~reflecting film according to~~ silver alloy of Claim 15, wherein the reflecting film is an electromagnetic shielding film.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The silver alloy of Claim 1, wherein the silver alloy is in the form of a silver alloy paste.